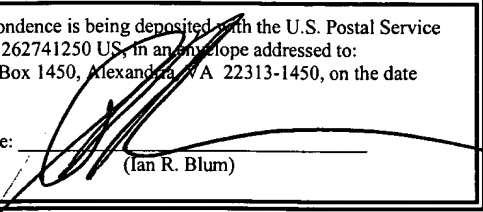


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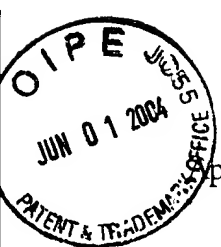


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 1, 2003 (Paper No. 15), finally rejecting claims 1-13, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

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